

**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) Process for performing a remote setup procedure of a software application on a remote client which operates under an operating system which does not support a remote installation facility, ~~characterised in that it involves the steps of~~ comprising:

installing ~~(23)~~ an executable file from a shared resource on a network onto the remote client at the direction of an administrator console on the network, the executable file being adapted for controlling a local setup procedure under the form of a low level service which is available in the operating system of the client for local background tasks and routines, ~~said executable file and further~~ being associated with the a description contained within a description file (package.ini) present on a the shared resource; and

starting ~~(24)~~ said executable file so ~~as~~ that it becomes available to said remote client as a local low level service and permits the automatic launching of a local setup procedure in accordance with the contents of said description file (package.ini).

2. (currently amended) Process for performing a remote setup procedure of a software application on a remote PC client which operates under the Windows NT Operating System on a Local Area

Network (LAN), ~~characterised in that it involves the steps of~~  
comprising:

installing ~~(23)~~ an executable file from a shared resource  
on the LAN onto the remote PC client at the direction of an  
administrator console on the LAN, the executable file being  
adapted for controlling a local setup procedure under the  
control of the NT Service Control Manager (SCM) and in  
accordance with ~~the~~ a description contained within a description  
file (package.ini) present on a the shared resources~~7~~, said  
executable file (pushservice.exe) receiving the format of a an  
NT service; and

starting ~~(24)~~ said executable file so ~~as~~ that it becomes  
available to said PC client as a an NT service and permits the  
launching of a local setup procedure within said PC client in  
accordance with the contents of said description file  
(package.ini).

3. (currently amended) Process according to claim 2  
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said executable file has an entry  
point which is a service entry and which is further registered  
by said NT Service Control Manager with an option of the command  
line which refers to said description file (package.ini).

4. (currently amended) Process according to claim 3  
~~characterised in that~~ wherein said description file  
(package.ini) contains a list of the installation files required  
for a local setup procedure plus an additional line defining the

command which is to be entered for executing an unattended setup procedure of said software application.

5. (currently amended) Process according to claim ~~1~~ 2 comprising the display of a Graphical User Interface (GUI) for providing to the user a list of software applications which are currently available on the NT domain as well as a list of ~~the~~ computer clients therein included, and further including a drag-and-drop mechanism for the purpose of launching an additional remote setup procedure in a new PC client.

6. (currently amended) Process according to claim ~~1~~ 2 ~~characterised in that it involves the step of~~ , further comprising:

prompting the user to enter a particular context where said executable file (pushservice.exe) is to be executed;

requesting the id and password corresponding to that context;

verifying said id and password ~~being~~ entered by the user and, in accordance with the verification, installing said executable file as a NT service.

7. (currently amended) Process according to claim ~~1~~ 2 ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the installation of the NT service is followed by the activation of a Wake-on-LAN function in said

PC client for the purpose of starting said service.

8. (currently amended) Process executed in a IT administrator console ~~(1)~~ on a network for the purpose of controlling the remote installation of software application packages ~~into~~ onto at least one PC client, ~~said process involving the steps of~~ comprising:

installing an executable file (pushservice.exe) from a shared resource on the network at the direction of the administrator console as a NT service under the control of a NT Service Control Manager (SCM) on said PC client, said executable file controlling the local setup procedure of a software application in unattended mode in accordance with a description defined by a description file (package.ini) present on said shared resources; and

starting said executable file as a NT service for the purpose of launching the setup procedure within said PC client.

9. (currently amended) Process for controlling the execution on a remote PC client of an executable file existing on shared resources in an NT domain, ~~characterised in that it involves the steps of~~ comprising:

installing said executable file from said shared resources at the direction of an administrator console, said executable file installed as an NT service under the control of the NT Service Control Manager (SCM) on said PC client; and

starting said installed service for the purpose of  
automatically triggering the execution of said executable file.

10. (canceled)